

SANTA CLAUS VISIT.

care, pes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; hildren were nestled all snug is their beds; visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter' map,
When out in the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter
Away to the window I flew tike a flash,
Tore open the sautters and throw up the sasti.

The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen anow Gave the inster of mid-day to objects below; When, what to my wondering eves should appea But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little, old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

by name; w, Dasheri now, Danceri now Pranceri ow, Vizeni Jometi on, Cupidi on, Donder and Blitzen-e top of the perchi to the top of the wall; dash away, dash away, dash away sili! As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle mount to the to the house-top the coursers they flew, the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a
bound:

He was dressed all in far from his lessed to his

soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry; His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath He had a broad face and a little round belly.
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old eif,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of my-A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work.

And filed all the stockings, then turned with a lerk, And laying his tinger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose; He sprang to his steleth, to his team gave a whis-Jerk,
And laying his tinger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his steigh, to his team gave a whis And away they all flew like the down of a this-But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A

The Pavy Polar Expedition.

A San Francisco correspondent of the ew York World, under date of December 1, announces the arrival in that city of the bark Cadmus, sent out to recover property from the wrecked whalers in the of the bark Cadmus, sent out to recover property from the wrecked whalers in the Arctic sea. She brings dispatches of a highly interesting character from Pavy's expedition to the Polar regions. This is the expedition which is expected to reach the Pole in 1 pen rubber boats or rafts. "The expedition landed on the east shore of Holyuchin Bay (ray the dispatches) from the brig Albatross, on the 18th of June, and started eastward on the north."

one, at that?"

"Young man, don't deride what you giving hard of one of God's gifted children, you would hold out your hand to lift me up; an' when you saw me slidin', slidin' down to utter nothin'ness, you would reach out to save me. You will never, never make one o' His inter, reters of the beautiful. You may make pictures for sale with your dead water and inanimate leaves. ed by eleven matives and provided with dogs and sledges. The outlets of several large streams were crossed, and on the 17th of July the mouth of the Petrolitz River was reached. From this point the The party set out due north for the n th's distance the observation showed that the party had been carried eighteen miles out of their bearings by the tes-flocs. M. Pavy determined the accuracy of his theory of the concentration and increased velocity of the branch of the great 'Ku-Ro Sirod' (Japanese current) setting through Behring straits and winding castward off the Siberian coast. The ico-raft, constructed of inflates bags of prepared rubber, was issueched at intervals, and

open stretches of water were crossed of varying widths from thirty to sixty miles. The coast of Wrangel Land was reached revealed strange, my siteal lights in their The coast of Wrangel Land was reached at the mouth of a large stream flowing from the northwest not laid down it may of the charts. This discovery establishes the theory of the expedition of a large polar continent reaching far to the north, and having a summer temperature sufficiently warm to melt the snows. The current of the river turns to the eastward and sweeps along the open coast at a rate of six knots an hour. M. Pavy deolded upon following the course of this stream northward, and the expedition had penetrated 230 miles. Its course was unformly through a level valley, varying from five to six miles in becath, sidrical by nountain raeges of great height, and at different points rising in perpendicular cliffs and exposing iases of bare rock. Eight miles from the mouth of this river on the open plain, the party discovered races of remains of the extinct mastodon, and on excavating where the tusks of one protruded above the snow, the immense body was found in a perfect state of preservation. The lade was covered with a thing growth of black, wiry bristlys, becoming more thick and long along two rive to the elevation of the animal's eyes. The fore legs were kneeling and the rear part deeply imbedded in the snow, the posture indicating that the animal was endeavoring to emerge from the snow or water upon a sound footing when overtaken by death. Projessor Newcomb was unable to determine differences amounting to a distinct order from the efeptant of the present period. The contents of the animal's stomach were examined, and exhibits bore to yet leen subjected to safesactory to say cross expression had systemly made to perfect and many miles bore to the clear of barks and grasses which have not yet leen subjected to safesactory to say cross expression had systemly learn to say cross expression had evidently bear the present of the remark of the husband. But he, the first of the present period. The contents of the animal was endeavory to say cross expression had evident

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ought to make that rock stand for what it is-lôr what all rocks are; types of the immovableness of the Creator. An' jest look at that moss! It's nothin' but maked spikes of green. Why, moss is dressed in myrlads of invisible shades of brown, and green, and wood color, that mass and mingle themselves into a great harmony. Pshaw, that's no pleture."

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out in the wind, backward and forward, like as if 'twas a chained maniac, ravin' to get away. Junderstand that feelin', an' sympathize with it. That fall has been my comforter in all these years; and, some day, when that water comes foamin' down in a cataract, burstin' its bonds an' free, I, too, shall fling off my chains, and he..."

"What!" sneered the artist, "a clodhopper as you are now, and an impudent one, at that?"

re a lie and a cheat; and I pity the gulls

who buy your blue and red paint and call it a landscape." Thoroughly aroused, the young man gathered up his materials, and stopped a moment, as if to consider whether he should do booily harm to his critic, or should do borily harm to his critic, or pass on out of reach of his offensive remarks. A look at the youth determined him; the scaut clothing covered a form so lamentably attenuated that his bones stood out in paintal relief, and his hands appeared as though frequent abrasion had hardened and darkened the knuckles. His forchead was broad, and, strange to say, in white contrast with a brown ay, in white contrast with a brown ace; and his long, golden hair tell care lessly carled, resting on a linen blouse— clean, but the worse for wear. A pair of penetrating, keen, gray eyes, set deep in their sockets, burned and flamed, and evealed strange, mystical lights in their erpetual unrest—now gleaming defiant-y at the artist, and anon resting with

"No, Paul; you must not give up.
"No, Paul; you must not give up.
You are too easily defeated. You should not have trampled the canvas in the of dust. We are not judges of our inspiration-

"Yes: I want to try. But I must own it, wholly and solely."

Swinford laughed at the fancy Rachet had taken to the colt, and good-naturedly gave if up to her care.

And life went on at the cabin in the same old way; and Paul was nineteen. He had mastered some intricacies of grammar; had devoted much leisure to what reading came in his way, and had, secretly and unknown even to his mother. Now and then a volume fell in his way, and provided ites of Nature, without rule or guidance. Now and then a volume fell in his way, and had, drams, and had been served over in his lonely hours, dreaming of a tuture which was to be the culmination of his dreams.

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The restive crowd, released from the spell of immobility, is in motion again, his lonely hours, dreaming of a tuture which was to be the culmination of his dreams.

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the derest care of herself and as sheek as the benderest care of herself and Paul could compass. Swintord sometimes spoke of his colf, but never without a reminder of his colf, but never of his compass. Swintord sometimes spoke of his colt, but never without a reminder

trappings were those of a belie, and over hied gently as Paul threw his arm over hier neck and caressed her.

The seats were filled up. Rich silks cember 21.

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The awkward how of the completion, it having been brought several times nearly to a finish, and again and again retouched.

"I say, young man, you have not got it, Why, that aboundin' water-fall tells a different story every day in the year-sometimes it trickles lears. Then again it just sobs and sobs, and moans like a human. An I've heard it shrick, tearin' its self-away from the rocks, and swinging out in the wind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again the twind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again to the wind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again the wind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again the twind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again the wind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again to the wind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again to the wind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again to the wind, backward and forward like as if 'twas a chained unaniae, ravin' to text again to the colt, and good-maturedly said to

les of Nature, without rule or guidance. Now and then a volume tell in his way, giving him hints on coloring—flesh tints, drapery, foliage—which he pored over in his lonely hours, dreaming of a nuture which was to be the culmination of his dreams.

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"Well, now, that's a mighty purty cretur. An' what'll you take for her?" This to Paul, who rode up on the colt. Nelly, at a break-neek pace, and along leat.

died at Augusta, on the morning of De-

Jesse Turner, receiver of Public Lands at Grand Island, Nebraska, accidentally

shot and killed himself, on December 18. On the evening of December 18, the

the branch of level road leading up to the fablic.

And now, again, they are off. Steady—rapid—faster—Nelly is showing her mettle. She dances over the course in a child. She's as fleet as an arrow, and runs like. She dances over the course in a child. She's as fleet as an arrow, and runs like the wind. And look at her mettle. She dances over the course in a child. She's as fleet as an arrow, and runs like the wind. And look at her must less swift reel, her motion graceful, elegant, as that of a young antelope, gold repeaters keeping accurate time with her movement, and recording—as again she come in a that of a young antelope, gold repeaters keeping accurate time with her movement, and recording—as again she come in with a sthat of a young antelope, gold repeaters keeping accurate time with her movement, and recording—as again she come in with a sthat of a young antelope, gold repeaters with the with as that of a young antelope, gold repeaters where movement, and recording—as again she come in with a sthat of a young antelope, gold repeaters where movement, and recording—as again she come in with a sthat of a young antelope, gold repeaters where movement, and recording—as again she come in with a sthat of a young antelope, gold repeaters where movement, and recording—as again she come in with a sthat of a young antelope, gold repeaters where movement and record

85 Center street. Loss about \$350,000. A Corry, Pa., dispatch of December 24, says a mall train on the Buffalo, Corry Prospect station, and passenger cars, baglow, a distance of twenty-six feet. The number were taken out seriously injured. man and brakemen killed.

taken from the Jall, at Vesalia, Cal., on the American schism. December 25, and hung by an excited A London dispatch, of December 20,

Domestic Intelligence.

Gold, in New York, closed, Dec. 21 at 111. The Secretary of the Treasury, on De-1, 1873, will be paid at once, on presentation of the coupons.

An arrangement was made between Jay payment to the latter of property worth \$7,000,000.

George Francis Train was arrested in up in the station-house on a warrant to literature.

statement for the week ending December 20:
Receipts at all ports for the week. 110,2-
Same time last year. 126,600
For the year
Last year
Exports for the week
For the year. 70,780
Last year 646.66
STOCK OF ALL 17. M. marte. AM To
At interior town
Last year 42,546 At interior town 87,875 Last year 71,58
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Last year 438,008
Afloat for Great Britain 141,04

clergy to serve in the army, and imposed heavy taxes on church property. He olemnly protested against the bill now and Pittsburgh R. R. ran off a trestle near pending in the Italian Parliament for the suppression of religious corporations, and gage and tender fell into the ravine be- declared that title to property acquired by this means would be nuft and void. He cars took fire, and twenty-five persons repeated his censures of those who enwere killed or burned to death. A large croached on the rights of the church, and denounced Germany, where pittalls of Owing to a misplaced switch on the In- open violence, calumny and ricicule were dianapolis and Jeffersonville railroad, on employed to destroy the church, by men December 24, an engine and cleven cars who, ignorant of religion, sought to dewere thrown from an embankment at fine the dogmas. The allocation con-Hearyville, Ind., and the engineer, fire-cluded with a protest against the clergy Jas. McCoy, a noted desperado, was ish Cortes, and general condemnation of

> Good Hope announce the finding of a diamond weighing 283 carats.

mania, went ashore on Saturday eveling. ter soon began to break over the vessel. The passengers and crew were compelle to take to the rigging, from which thirty ened, on Sunday morning, by a French

of Afghan independence.

In the Senate, on December 18, miss were introduced authorizing the East Chester National bank of Mount Vernon, Indiana, to change its name and location; to secure a more efficient is name and location is name and location is name and location is name.

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dotation bill, recently passed by the Span- and make hay, and plow, and drive team;

says that recent arrivals from the Cape of

A Bordeaux, France, dispatch, of December 23, says the Liverpool packet, Gerember 18, gave notice that the semi auduring a violent storm, on the sand bank nual interest on U. S. Bonds due January at the mouth of the river Gironde. Wa-Gould and the directors of the Erie road, on December 19, for the withdrawal The remainder, after passing the entire piration, about ten breathings will suffice of all suits pending against the former on night in their perilous position, were res-

will be compelled to intervene in support

Congressional.

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or introduced authorities the Fast Chester Na.

The says that, without adequate ventila-

a pattern by. Sometimes a woman hires a farm, and directs and controls all herselt; and the papers go wild with excitement, and no language seems too exaggerated to express their admiration at the event. For our part we never could see why a woman should not have perfect liberty or freedom to do any farm work. It she has a mind to. We have taken the privilege many a time in the days of our bachelorhood to sew buttons on our pan-taloons, without ever dreaming that the act would be worth recording as some-Mosquera, Minister of Colonies. The sit-ting of the Cortes was suspended in conse-quence.

Cora Pearl, the Parisian Aspasia, was, or December 21, banished from France, of getting woman's sympathy, it was more than likely we should be told that inore than nkely we should no told that it served us right—why not take a wife and let her do it?

The great fault we find with all these agricultural women articles is that they are all written from a man's standpoint.

Women Farmers. THERE Is a great amount of sickly trash-

In regard to women's work on the farm, which passes current through agricultural papers as if they were the golden words of wisdom. If a woman be seen helping to load a hay wagon, or one be known to lend a hand to the plow occasionally, she is held up as a model woman for a poor man to marry and a model woman for all others of her sex to take a pattern by. Sometimes a woman hires

in farming, more than perhaps in any other occupation is co-operation between man and wife desirable in a business point of view. There is no reason why the woman should be expected all the time to be a "helpmeet" to her husband, and he not be a helpmate to her. Just now there is a parameter of the control which seems paragraph going the rounds which seems to excite the great admiration of those who want women to work the farm. A young man is invited to a lady's parlor company, and he invites her to sing and play the plane for him. He a'so invites himself to a dinner of her own cooking." more to a dimer of her own cooking, in order that he may judge of her housewifery as well as her musical abilities, and the paragrapher cannot see why not? We imagine the ladies would be perfectly willing to submit to this test of their housekeeping abilities before marriage. If the young men on their part would sub-mit to have their pocket books and bank-accounts examined in advance of the nup-It seems only fair that if one in-

formation in regard to the supply of cookor materials.

For our part we must own up to a no great liking for women farmers. If they are obliged to do this work, or find they can do it to better advantage than anything else, all right—and we commend their pluck and spirit in going through with it, but we prefer in farming to see certain things setapart definitely as man's work and as woman's work—not that either should never aid in the other's work by any means, but that in a general way each should have an independent way each should have an independent sphere. As to the rights and wrongs, abilities and disabilities of the sexes in their application to farm life, young peo-ple will do themselves more good by learn-ing what principles make true men and women than in studying a woman's abil-tic to cook and dare and wash audmilk ity to cook, and darn and wash, and milk, or in a man's command of money or family friends. All these, of course, are important matters, but the true man or true woman understands all this and provides

Dr. Henry MacCormac, of London, in a new book puts forth the theory that tu-bercular disease of the lungs is caused solely by breathing air which has already solely by breathing air which has already passed through the lungs of either brutes or human beings, or air that is deficient in oxygen. If we assume the quantity of air in the chest at 230 cubic inches, and that from twenty to thirty cubic inches are changed and removed during each resrenew or exchange the gaseous con-nts of the chest cavity. At each inspiration from four to five per cent. of th About 500 mlners in the vicinity of Springfield, Illinois, struck, on December 23, says that the British ambas-20, for an advance of 25 per cent, on the wages they have been receiving. Mine owners define to accede to the demand.

George Francis Tesin was agreed in the demand of the inhaled air be pre-breathed air, tween Khiva and Afghanistan, England says Dr. MacCorme, the dead metaphor-

valing that all papers in the offices of any indian superintendent. Agent or Sub-Agent, shall be open to public inspection; that the distribution of Indian goods and supplies shall be made in public; anthorizing the secretary of the interior to negotiate with the Creek Indians for the cession of a part of their reservation, all of which were appropriately referred. The hill for the relief of settlers on the Cherokee lands was taken up, and discussed until the expiration of the morning hour. Mr. Severanon formally announced the death of his late colleague, Garret Davis, and delivered an ethology most the deceased. Mesers Vickers, Cameron, Thorman, Summer, Bayard and Trumbatt, size cubagized the deceased. Mesers the death of his late colleague the deceased. Mesers the death of his late colleague the deceased. Mesers the death of his late colleague the deceased and the furnished, sixe cubagized the deceased. Mesers with the cubaging the deceased of the decease of the colleague of the decease. We seem that the distribution of the morning hours of the morning hours of the morning that the distribution of the morning hours of the m Tamaqian, Pa., were burned, on the moraling of December 12, Loss, \$150,000.

John L. Bixby, the confidential clerk of W. W. Candler, General Agent of the Red Star Union Freight Irans attempted to pass who there on the same track on the New wy Railroad, between the same track on the New Wall Railroad Railr

for them .- Forney's Press. Consumption.